

Application No. 10/774,197
Amendment "A" dated April 6, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed January 19, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant and applicant's attorney express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on March 30, 2005.

Claims 3, 8-18, 20, 22, 23, 28 and 30 are pending, wherein claims 3, 8-10, 13, 16-18, 22, 23, 28 and 30 have been amended in a manner consistent with the proposed amendments and matters discussed at the interview.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claim 20 and objected to claim 24 as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the rejected base claim. The amendments set forth above are intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3 and 8-18 have been amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed claim 20. Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of allowable claim 24 (and claim 24 has been cancelled). Finally, claim 30 has been amended to add limitations similar to those set forth in the previously allowed and allowable claims. In view of the foregoing amendments, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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